Imposition of Ban on Export of Fertilizers by Bangladesh

8360. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bangladesh Government has banned the export of fertilizers to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) With a view to meeting the seasonal domestic demand, the Government of Bangladesh has imposed a temporary embargo on export of urea until further orders.

Increase in prices due to monopolistic trade practices

8361. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any monopolistic trade practices leading to unreasonable increase in prices of medicines have been detected by Government and if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(b) whether the commission has any independent mechanism to check unreasonable increase in prices and if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the commission has ordered any reduction of price on this ground in respect of any producer or commodity during the above period and if so, full details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that crores of rupees are being spent on the commission and consumer prices and experiencing over 150 per cent increase during the above period; and

(e) the names of products, where prices have increased by 150 per cent during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) In terms of Section 10(b) of the MRTP Act, the Commission may enquire into any monopolistic trade practice and make a finding thereof. No such enquiry on unreasonable increase in prices of medicines has been instituted during the last 3 years.

(c) & (d) The MRTP Commission does not regulate the prices nor is it empowered to give directions to reduce the prices.

(e) Information about products is not maintained by this Ministry. However, as per the information available, the total increase in Wholesale price Index (1981-82—100) of All commodity during the last 3 years, on a point to point basis, was 30.6 per cent.

पश्चिमी क्षेत्र के उर्वरक एकक

8362 **श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम** : क्या **रसायन और उर्वरक** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पश्चिमी क्षेत्र के उर्वरक उत्पादक एककों का आधुनिकीकरण नहीं किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्षेत्रवार तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) देश के पश्चिमी क्षेत्र में रुग्ण अथवा बन्द पड़े उर्वरक एककों का ब्यौरा क्या है, और ;